

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Don Vigesaa North Dakota House of Representatives Chair, Appropriations Committee

RE: H.B. 1225

Dear Chairman, Vigesaa, and Appropriations Committee Members.

The North Dakota Appraisers Association was established in 2016 and represents 150 Appraiser Members. We represent, advocate for, and promote the appraisal profession in the State of North Dakota. Our goal is to build productive relationships with individuals, associations, and organizations within the real estate industry. We aim to promote positive impacts on the appraisal profession and find solutions to issues that impact the public of North Dakota.

House Bill 1225 is a positive solution for North Dakota citizens, and its real estate professionals. This Bill enables all North Dakota Counties the ability to move important property data online. This software will enhance efficiencies, accuracy, and move North Dakota into the 21st Century by providing real time data to the State Tax Commissioner.

These functions will also have a positive outcome for the appraisal profession. Access to quick and reliable data is one of the biggest hurdles facing appraisers. This data becomes even more scarce in rural underserved areas of the State. We believe this Bill will provide a positive impact for the public, especially in rural areas of North Dakota.

The North Dakota Appraisers Association supports H.B. 1225 and askes this Committee for a "Do Pass" recommendation. Mr. Dean Rylander, Government Affairs Committee (Chair), will testify at the hearing on behalf of the North Dakota Appraisers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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